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In re Application of:	Maeda et al.)	Examiner:	Unassigned
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING METAL POWDER AND METHOD FOR EVALUATING RAW
MATERIAL OR DILUENT SALT FOR USE THEREIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.